
Notes from the Compiler

Volume 19 of the *Book and Paper Group Annual* is dedicated to
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The first of the two Book and Paper Group sessions at the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the American Institute for Conservation in Philadelphia focused on the theme “Conservation in the Global Community.” Eight presentations explored book and paper conservation activities, projects, and training outside the United States. The second session provided opportunity for reports and discussion on research, case studies, and ethics.

All twenty-three papers presented at the annual meeting are represented in this volume of the *Book and Paper Group Annual*. Authors who chose not to submit the full text of their paper for publication in the *Annual* have graciously consented to republish the abstract of their presentation, frequently revising it to better represent the paper as presented or adding citations to other publications where further information may be found. The addition of the abstracts have made the *Annual* a more comprehensive representation of the meeting, a point emphasized by the grouping of the meeting papers together in print. Six additional papers were submitted independently by their authors; these document papers or posters presented at the AIC meeting and other presentations or research of special interest to Book and Paper Group members.

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In the spring of 2000 we mourned the loss of a book conservator and a paper conservator, two giants in the development of the field in the United States. This volume is dedicated to them.

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